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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 5,442,732, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of this document is not enclosed, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003).

This document was cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated April 19, 2005, is enclosed.

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In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that U.S. Patent No. 5,442,732 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

It is noted that this application has received a final action. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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